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Arizona's Cotton Acreage and Production Increased From 2008

Upland cotton production is expected to total 440,000 bales, up 9 percent from the 2008 crop. Yield is estimated at 1,467 pounds per acre, two pounds less than the record high yield set in 2007. Harvested acreage, at 144,000 acres, is up 11,000 acres from a year ago. Arizona's 2009 American-Pima production is estimated at 4,000 bales from 1,700 acres for an average yield of 1,129 pounds per acre.

U.S. upland cotton production is at 12.4 million 480-pound bales, down 2 percent from last month and down 3 percent from 2008. The U.S. yield is estimated at 774 pounds per acre, down 8 pounds from the December 1 forecast and down 39 pounds from last year. Harvested area, at 7.69 million acres, is down less than 1 percent from December but up 2 percent from last year.

American-Pima producers planted 141,700 acres, down 19 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 138,500 acres, is down 18 percent from last year. Production is estimated at 390,300 bales (480-pound), up 6 percent from the August 1 forecast but down 9 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is estimated at 1,353 pounds per acre, up 148 pounds from the August 1 forecast and up 127 pounds from last year. Producers finished planting by the end of May. The crop developed normally throughout the summer and fall. Harvest got underway by late September and was complete by the end of January.

Arizona's cottonseed production for 2009 is estimated at 159,000 tons, up 13 percent from last year. U.S. cottonseed production is expected to total 4.18 million tons, down 3 percent from 2008.

Arizona durum wheat seedings for 2010 are estimated at 90,000 acres, down 35,000 acres from 2009. Other wheat seedings, at 7,000 acres, are the same as last year.

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